Setting up of Health Corpus fund for the poor

2368. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Health Corpus Fund to provide for treatment of the poor for chronic ailments like cancer;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what strata of society will be funded therewith and its modus operandi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) There is a proposal to set up a National Illness Assistance Fund under the Department of Health, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to provide assistance to the poor in getting specialised-medical treatment for life threatening illness. The details of the Scheme are being worked out.

देश में प्रति व्यक्ति कैलोरी खपत

2369. श्री राम जेठमलानी: क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में आम आदमी औसतन प्रतिदिन 2,243 कैलोरी प्राप्त कर रहा है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो सरकारी आकलन के अनुसार देश में प्रत्येक व्यक्ति प्रतिदिन औसतन कितनी मात्र में कैलोरी का उपभोग करता है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि एक भारतीय नागरिक की तुलना में श्रीलंका, चीन, नेपाल आदि जैसे हमारे पड़ौसी देशों का साधारण नागरिक अधिक कैलोरी प्राप्त कर रहा है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इस मामले में सरकार का क्या आकलन है; और

(ङ) हमारे देश में स्वस्थ सामान्य नागरिक द्वारा प्रतिदिन कैलोरी की कितनी मात्रा का उपयोग किया जाना आवश्यक माना जाता है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (श्री सलीम इकबाल शेरवानी): (क) और (ख) राष्ट्रीय पोषण मानीटरिंग ब्यूरो द्वारा 1993-94 के दौरान, ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में किए गए सर्वेक्षण के अनुसार प्रति व्यक्ति ली जाने वाली कैलोरी की औसतन मात्रा 2187 के कैल/सी. यू. प्रतिदिन थी।

(ग) और (घ) श्रीलंका, चीन और नेपाल में प्रति व्यक्ति प्रतिदिन ली जाने वाली कैलोरी की मात्रा क्रमश: 2248, 2485 और 2250 है।

(ङ) एक भारतीय नागरिक (निषादी पुरूष वयस्क) के लिए संस्तुत की गई उपयोग की जाने वाली कैलोरी की मात्रा 2425 कैलोरी प्रतिदिन है।

Policy of Tax Exemption from Exports

2370. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated loss of revenue during the fiscal years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 because of the policy of according tax exemption for earnings from exports;

(b) whether, as a consequence of this policy, there is an increasing tendency for over-invoicing exports which goes undetected; and

(c) whether Govemment intend to have a reappraisal of the policy?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No separate statistics is maintained, and hence these figures are not available. However, on the basis of a study conducted in this regard, it was found that on a sample of 7085 returns, the claim of deduction u/s 80HHC amounted to Rs. 446.36 crores and the estimated tax relief worked out to Rs. 108.02 crores, for Assessment Year 1993-94.

(b) As a result of enquiries including searches several instances of misuse of export incentives and fake exports have come to light. Some of the common methods adopted by the exporters to misuse the incentives are- over invoicing of exports, over weighing of exports, mis-declaration of exports, manipulation of exports, obtaining of VABAL fradulently etc. However, it is difficult to pin point the specific reasons for the tendency of misusing the export incentives. There is also no data to suggest whether there is an increase in the tendency.

(c) Finance(No. 2) Bill, 1996 which reflects the policy of the Government does not envisage any amendment to Sections 10A, 10B.80HHB.

80 HHC, 80 HHD and 80 HHE dealing with benefits to Export Sector.

World Bank Loans to India

2371. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "India among major recipient of WB loans in 1996" as reported in Statesman dated 24th July, 1996;

(b) whether Government have received World Bank loan during the past three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whelher the burden of loans on Goverment is increasing;

(e) whether Government have taken any concrete steps to repay the loans and to get rid of this heavy burden; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. The total amount of loan/ credit received by the Government from the World Bank for on-going projects was US $ 1575 million, US $ 1560 million and US $ 1195 million during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 respectively.

(d) to (f) External assistance, including World Bank loans, plays an important part in bridging the resource gap for the financing needs of the development projects in the country. The loans with the World Bank are tied-up every year depending on our development needs and the pace of finalising projects. Govemment is conscious about the external debt liability and ensures that the total burden of loans stays within prudent limits keeping in view the objective that our debts servicing liability should not exceed the capacity of the economy to service such loans. The repayment of loans is made according to the terms and conditions mutually agreed with the donor agencies and the Government is discharging all its repayment liabilities to external agencies on the due dates.

Posts of Non-Official Directors of Nationalised Banks

2372. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of non-official directors of nationalised banks lying vacant in various banks under the public sector, bank-wise;

(b) the number of non-official directors that have remained directors for more than three years, and have been appointed for second term, bank-wise; and

(c) whether all nationalised banks have non-official directors from Minorities, if so, the names and addresses of such directors, bank-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Only two positions of non-official directors are vacant in nationalised banks—one each in Andhra Bank and Central Bank of India.

(b) None of the non-official directors have been renominated on the same bank.

(c) At present 15 nationalised banks have non-official directors from minorities on their boards. The names and addresses of such directors (bank-wise) is given in Annexure.

Statement

Details of the Names and Addresses Nationalised Banks having non-official Directors from Minorities on their boards

Name of the Bank	Name of the person	Address
Allahabad Bank	Kum. Sayeeda Khatoon	53, South Avenue, New Delhi.
Andhra Bank	Shri Mohd. Ali Khan	H.No. 17-9-96, Chawni Nade-ali Baug, Chenchalgnda, Hyderabad.